

APPLICATION # CL1-00502-1

STAFF ANALYSIS

FEASIBILITY:

Project Scope: The project will provide modest electrical improvements estimated to cost \$1,650. The work is in a newly-constructed hESC laboratory suite of 1,560 assignable square feet for which \$943,933 in grant funds has been requested for equipment.

Project Management: The electrical improvements needed to accommodate the new equipment can be completed in a few days with minimal supervision.

COST/TIMELINE:

The applicant has already completed essentially all the construction work needed to establish the shared research laboratory. Once the equipment is in place, projected to occur about two months after grant award, the laboratory will be fully operational.

INSTITUTIONAL COMMITMENT:

The applicant indicates that \$421,621 was expended in the establishment of the hESC laboratory. This amount is cited by the institution as matching funds for the \$1,650 request for construction and the \$943,933 requested for equipment. This amount represents 45 percent of the construction and equipment grant funding request, and exceeds the minimum matching requirement of 20 percent of the grant amount.

The RFA indicates that any prior expenditures claimed as matching funds must have been expended after January 2005 in order to qualify as matching funds. CIRM will request confirmation of the timing of the prior expenditures as part of the grant acceptance process.

HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE:

We see no issues here given the modest scale of the project.

RESPONSIVENESS:

Shared Laboratory: The applicant indicates that there are 18 researchers based at the host institution that are planning to use the hESC shared laboratory. An additional 12 Principal Investigators (PIs) from other institutions that are within close proximity of the applicant are cited as being potential users of the facility. We would note that some of these potential users will overlap with other shared laboratory applications in this area.

Technique Course: The applicant did not propose to operate a techniques course.

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Facilities Working Group Issues

The grant management office will need to confirm that all conditions of the grant as indicated in the Grants Administration Policy have been met. This would include confirming that all past work is consistent with grant requirements for prevailing wage and other construction-related requirements. This includes confirmation that equipment funds are budgeted pursuant the Grants Administration Policy as adopted December 7, 2006.